

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing definitions, comprising:

a server configured to receive ~~receiving~~ a phrase to be defined, select ~~determine~~ a plurality of documents each containing at least one definition, and match the phrase to at least one of the definitions from the plurality of documents; and

a user interface ~~presenting~~ configured to present one or more of the definitions, determined based at least in part on the matching, for the phrase, the one or more definitions being presented in an order determined based on a ranking of the documents that contain the presented one or more definitions.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein selecting ~~determining~~ the plurality of documents each containing at least one definition is performed prior to the receiving of the phrase.

3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the documents are Web pages.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the selecting ~~determining~~ includes performing a search based on a search query that includes a predetermined term indicative of a presence of definitions.

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6. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the predetermined term includes one of glossary, definition, or dictionary.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, wherein the selecting ~~determining~~ includes performing the search on a title field of the plurality of documents.
8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the matching includes determining a presence of the phrase in the plurality of determined documents.
9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the matching includes determining an absence of the phrase in the plurality of determined documents.
10. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein determining the presence of the phrase further includes determining an exact match of the phrase.
11. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the matching comprises modifying the phrase.
12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein modifying the phrase comprises determining a canonical form of the phrase.

13. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the matching further comprises retrieving an associated definition of the phrase.

14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the documents are determined substantially in real-time in response to the phrase being received from a user presenting one or more definitions includes ranking the definitions.

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17. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the presenting further includes processing the definitions.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the presenting one or more definitions for the phrase includes presenting a substantially most common capitalization of the phrase.

19. (Original) The system of claim 18, further comprising presenting less common forms of the phrase.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, further comprising determining superstrings of the phrase present in the plurality of documents.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, further comprising presenting at least some of the determined superstrings.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the presented superstrings is presented as one of a related phrase or a suggested query.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for providing definitions, comprising:
receiving a phrase to be defined;
~~determining~~ selecting a plurality of documents each containing at least one definition;
matching the phrase to at least one of the definitions from the plurality of documents; and
presenting one or more of the definitions, determined based on the matching, for the phrase, the one or more definitions being presented in an order determined based on a ranking of the documents that contain the presented one or more definitions.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein selecting ~~determining~~ the plurality of documents each containing at least one definition is performed prior to receiving of the phrase.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the documents are Web pages.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the selecting ~~determining~~ includes performing a search based on a search query that includes a predetermined term indicative of a presence of definitions.

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28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the predetermined term includes one of glossary, definition, or dictionary.

29. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the selecting ~~determining~~ includes performing the search on a title field of the plurality of documents.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the matching includes determining a presence of the phrase in the plurality of determined documents.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the matching includes determining an absence of the phrase in the plurality of determined documents.

32. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein determining the presence of the phrase further includes determining an exact match of the phrase.

33. (Original) The method of claim 30, wherein the matching comprises modifying the phrase.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein modifying the phrase comprises determining a canonical form of the phrase.

35. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the matching further comprises retrieving an associated definition of the phrase.

36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the documents are determined substantially in real-time in response to the phrase being received from a user
~~presenting one or more definitions includes ranking the definitions.~~

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39. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the presenting further includes processing the definitions.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the presenting one or more definitions for the phrase includes presenting a substantially most common capitalization of the phrase.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, further comprising presenting less common forms of the phrase.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising determining superstrings of the phrase present in the plurality of the documents.

43. (Original) The method of claim 42, further comprising presenting at least some of the determined superstrings.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, wherein at least one of the presented superstrings is presented as one of a related phrase or a suggested query.

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46. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing definitions, comprising:
means for receiving a phrase to be defined;
means for determining a plurality of documents each containing at least one definition;
means for matching the phrase to at least one of the definitions; and
means for presenting one or more of the definitions, determined based on a result of the means for matching, for the phrase in an order determined based on a ranking of the documents that contain the presented one or more definitions.

47. (Currently Amended) A system for determining definitions from distributed information stores, comprising:

a search engine identifying a plurality of documents based on a search query including terms indicative of a presence of definitions, and storing information regarding each identified document; and

a search front end matching a phrase for which a definition is sought against the stored information for each identified document, fetching each identified document and returning one or more matching definitions, and presenting each matching definition in an order determined based on a ranking of the documents that contain the presented one or more definitions.

48. (Original) A system according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a repository storing the information for a subset of the identified documents.

49. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 47, wherein the search engine searches a structure of the plurality of documents for indications of a presence of a definition.

50. (Original) A system according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a parser parsing the identified documents to identify occurrences of the phrase for which a definition is sought.

51. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 47, further comprising:

a processor processing the matching definitions, comprising at least one of:
a filter limiting the matching definitions to substantially matching definitions; or
a definitions module providing at least one of a superstring, common variants,
and common forms of the phrase for which a definition is sought.

52. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 47, wherein the matching definitions comprise at least one of matching terms and phrases, related terms and phrases, or random and eclectic terms and phrases.

53. (Currently Amended) A method for determining definitions from distributed information stores, comprising:

identifying a plurality of documents based on a search query including terms indicative of a presence of definitions,

storing information regarding each identified document;

matching a phrase for which a definition is sought against the stored information for each identified document;

fetching each identified document from a distributed information store and returning one or more matching definitions; and

presenting each matching definition in an order determined based on a ranking of the documents that contain the presented one or more definitions.

54. (Original) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:

storing the information for a subset of the identified documents.

55. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:
searching the plurality of documents for one or more structures indicative of a
presence of a definition.

56. (Original) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:
parsing the identified documents to identify occurrences of the phrase for which a
definition is sought.

57. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 53, further comprising:
processing the matching definitions, comprising:
limiting the matching definitions to substantially matching definitions; or
providing at least one of a superstring, common variants, and common forms of
the phrase for which a definition is sought.

58. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 53, wherein the
matching definitions comprise at least one of matching terms and phrases, related terms
and phrases, or random and eclectic terms and phrases.

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60. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for determining definitions from
distributed information stores, comprising:

means for identifying a plurality of documents based on a search query including terms indicative of a presence of definitions;

means for storing information regarding each identified document;

means for matching a phrase for which a definition is sought against the stored information for each identified document;

means for fetching each identified document from the distributed information store and means for returning one or more matching definitions; and

means for presenting each matching definition in an order determined based on a ranking of the documents that contain the presented one or more definitions.